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WHEREAS, I, Vladimir Hampl, Jr., a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 160 Spring Ridge Trace, Roswell, Georgia 30076 (hereinafter referenced as ASSIGNOR), has invented a certain new and useful invention entitled: "Cigarette Paper with Reduced Carbon Monoxide Delivery" for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 22, 2001 having Serial No. 10/037,315;

AND WHEREAS, Schweitzer-Mauduit International, Inc., (hereinafter ASSIGNEE), a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America and having its principal office and place of business at 100 North Point Center East, Suite 600, Alpharetta, Georgia 30202 is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I, the said ASSIGNOR, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said ASSIGNEE, his successors, assigns and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right, title and interest to the said invention in the United States and all foreign countries, as described in the aforesaid application, together with the right of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international agreements to which the United States of America adheres, and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the said ASSIGNEE, for his interest as ASSIGNEE, his successors, assigns and legal representatives.

And I hereby agree to transfer a like interest, upon the request of said ASSIGNEE, his successors, assigns and legal representatives, and without further remuneration, in and to any improvements, and applications for patent based thereon, growing out of or related to the said invention; and to execute any papers by the said ASSIGNEE, his successors, assigns and legal representatives, deemed essential to ASSIGNEE'S full protection and title in and to the invention hereby transferred.

Agreeing furthermore, upon request of said ASSIGNEE, and without further remuneration, to execute any and all papers desired by said ASSIGNEE for the filing and granting of foreign applications and the perfecting of title thereto in said ASSIGNEE.

This assignment executed on the date indicated below.

April 16, 2002

Date

Vladimir Hampl, Jr.

Vladimir Hampl, Jr.

On this 16 day of April, 2002, appeared before me Vladimir Hampl, Jr., to me identified as the individual referred to in the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledges to me that the executed same as his free act and deed for the use and purposes therein set forth.

C. Elaine Dugan
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR Fulton County

My Commission Expires: MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
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